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- The following is a letter from the KKE Politburo to the Regional Committees, dated approximately 5 August 1947:

Comrades:

After the situation which was created on the International horizon by the application of the veto by the representative of the Soviet Union to the Greek question, a situation which has an immediate effect on our internal problem, the Politburo met and made the following declarations, to which we must pay careful attention, because from a sure comprehension of the situation will depend the further successful management of our struggle.

There is no time for mistakes, and the slightest mistake will cost dear and in the period through which we are passing will probably result in irretrievable disasters.

- For some time the Rightist press in its effort to raise the morale of its followers, sometimes in its leading articles and sometimes as a decision of America, reports the sending to Greece of American troops. The situation, however, is much different from the impression which Press and Government circles try to create.

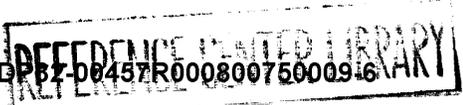
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The fact that America is placed before the fearful dilemma of sending or not sending troops to Greece is obvious from the quiet weeping of Kathimerini and Estia and also from the continuous invitations and efforts of Tsaldaris and the Lackey Government of the Quasimodi of criminal disgrace.

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The all-powerful America today faces a fearful dilemma. Her intervention in Greece either

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will raise her up and will firmly fix the position of international imperialism against the progressive movements of the people, or it will tear her to bits and make her a laughing stock in the eyes of the whole world.

We are sure that she will follow in the footsteps of her predecessors in occupying Greece. If the Land of the Dollar decides to send troops to crush the people's movement which daily becomes stronger, these troops must be not only respectable in number but also able to meet the demand of the present guerilla war, or else they will be a laughing-stock like the British.

Does America have the power to send so large a number of troops of such quality? We unhesitatingly answer "No".

If America had the troops, they would be here now.

This is the reason for her activity in bringing German mercenaries and in involving Turkey, to whom she has promised Western Thrace. What is more likely is that she wishes to hold certain islands, key points of the Mediterranean.

- b. The application of the veto by Comrade Gromyko to international imperialism demonstrates to us the following:

Today the Soviet Union itself has taken hold of our question, and is not likely to drop it for any reason. If the latter were the case, then the Soviet Union would have let the matter pass, making an imperceptible retreat as in the Persian question.

The Soviet Union applied the veto for three principal reasons.

1. Because of the greater moral support which was given and was strengthened in the Greek problem, thanks to the sure policy which we have followed.
2. Because, more than any other time, it appears that defeated imperialism seeks to strengthen itself in certain places for the final battle with socialism. This effort must be beaten back at the very beginning, and for this reason Russia has decided to go to the limit.
3. Because the circumstances of the December period and of the Russian retreat in the Persian question are very different from today's conditions. The threat of the atomic bomb, the invincibility of the Anglo-Americans is something which has passed into mere storybooks.

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What, however, will be the development of the situation after the declarations which we have made above.

The situation must be clarified up to April.

Retreat belongs to imperialism. If America wishes to bring into our country her Yankees, then she will face not only our Democratic Army, not only our people, but also the comrades of the International Brigade. Military intervention by Truman in Greece justifies completely invasion by the comrades of the International Brigade, ready for anything.

There is, however, another side of the question which should be examined.

1. The failure of America to try military intervention.

What then will be the development of the situation? Indubitably victory belongs to the Democratic forces of our country, it belongs to EAM.

The Government has pushed the situation to a point where today no compromise can take place. The slightest political retreat of the reaction will mean its finish in Greece. Not only the middle class will gradually be found in our ranks, but even the more fanatical followers of the Government (the collaborators and members of the Security Battalions) will be face to face with such a situation that every possibility of action will be taken from them, and they will receive only defeat and moral decadence.

This the Greek reactionaries know, and for this reason it wages its present desperate struggle. Nevertheless, the present situation assures us of victory. The victories of the Democratic Army, the political maturity of our followers, their faith and strong bond with our fighting organization points out to us anything but defeat.

Conviction is given to this opinion of ours by the spasmodic movements of the Government, the daily changes in the leadership of the army, the utter confusion of the state machinery, the dissolution of the gendarmerie (that once formidable body), the quarrels of Zervas.

Anyone looking at the state machinery will see the following: a general dissatisfaction with the prevailing situation which has its basis in the economic impasse which daily afflicts the government employees.

In the army at least 60 percent are democrats. The gendarmerie, - that body which with its methods, its organization, its espionage, was once our real adversary and conqueror in various phases (1936-1938: arrest of our leader, discovery of our printing plants, distortion of our lines, etc.), - today is in complete dissolution, thanks to the mistakes of our opponents.

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Comrades, we must exploit these circumstances in the best possible manner. They are circumstances which give us an opportunity, but also impose on us an obligation.

LET US EXPLOIT

1. The misfortune, the hunger, and the misery of the laboring and employee classes, and let us increase their opposition to the State.
2. The existing State dissolution and especially that of the gendarmerie-police-army, so that we may occupy suitable positions to strengthen our intelligence network.
3. Let us raise the morale of our People, showing them how victory is theirs, without promising them anything in the immediate future.

COMRADES

In certain sectors we have recently been exhibiting inactivity. These are:

- a. the economic;
 - b. the trades unions;
 - c. enlightenment.
1. Many regional offices are in arrears with their economic obligations, as much as two months now.
 2. After the arrests and the terrorism in the Trades Union sector we displayed such inactivity in many points that the "Reaction" has seized the initiative.
 3. The selling of our newspapers has been cut almost in half. Fear is the cause. We must destroy this fear. The Politburo is exerting superhuman efforts to keep its press alive.

All of you must understand this and must exert your own efforts for its publication and circulation. Also many offices have not sent us a report for a month. What is the cause of this?

If they cannot deliver the goods in the post which their comrades have entrusted to them, then they are obligated to say so and not to stand around like wooden Indians. Above all we are awaiting an answer from all the offices.

With fraternal greetings,

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